

Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, line 3, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Prior Art~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, line 2, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Advantages of the Invention~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The connecting device according to the present invention, ~~with the defining characteristics of claim 1,~~ has the advantage over the prior art that the connecting device for vibration decoupling purposes is placed between the motor housing and the transmission housing. This prevents the vibration generated by the motor from being transmitted into the transmission, thus from the outset preventing the vibrations of the motor from exciting vibrations in the transmission. In addition, the design according to present invention has the advantage that with the decoupling between the motor housing and the transmission housing, fewer operating forces and torques are transmitted via the connecting device than when the motor/transmission/drive unit is decoupled from an attached housing.

On page 2, please delete the second paragraph in its entirety.

On page 4, line 23, please amend the heading as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS Drawings

On page 5, line 8, please amend the heading as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION Description of the

~~Exemplary Embodiments~~